

Borough Council Passes Ordinance to Install 131 Parking Meters in Business District



Richard Gardiner, 5½-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gardiner, of State Rd., Gladwyne, and Jennifer Gummey, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gummey, of Youngsford Rd., Gladwyne, are shown above in a prize winning photograph taken by Mr. Gardiner.

The picture won first prize in a recent Gladwyne Camera Club contest. The camera used was a 2½ and 3½ Busch Pressman, with 2 lamps for front illumination and 1 for back illumination.

Hancock Gives 'Realistic' View Of A-Bomb at Bryn Mawr College

More than 400 persons in Goodhart Hall, Bryn Mawr College, heard the former general manager of the United States Atomic Energy Commission declare that the possession of the A-bomb was the only reason Russia was not invaded the Dardanelles and the Arabian oil fields.

"I realize these are brutal statements," John M. Hancock said, "but I am regarding the issue as a war, Hancock called their new from a totally realistic point of view. If we can't get world-wide agreement, we must get a system less than world-wide, guaranteeing every nation signing the agreement not to use the bomb unless armed troops cross the border."

He did not clarify the phrase "less than world-wide." However, surveying the history of "about 2000 treaties written at various times in an attempt to outlaw various weapons," Hancock concluded that no such individual treaties, lacking international control, could bar the use of the A-bomb. Atomic bombs will be used unless they are outlawed by a wide system, he said.

"We should not see preparations for war going on, and wait until it is too late—we should recognize the fact early, and hit early."

He went on to say that, in fact, there was no reason for the U. S. to worry about any quantity of uranium discovered in a territory not controlled by us.

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Ash collections in Narberth showed a marked decrease in 1947 over previous years, according to a report made Monday night by William S. Thompson, chairman of the Borough Council Highway Committee.

In his report, Thompson stated that during 1947, the Borough collected 753 cubic yards of ashes, compared with 882 in 1946 and 1048 in 1944.

The reduction, he added, was probably due to renewed installations of oil burners. The 1947 figure, he said, represents a decrease of 331 yards, or 33.6 percent from 1943 when 1134 cubic yards were collected.

Trash collections, Thompson pointed out, increased during 1947 to 10,920 cubic yards, compared to 9882 in 1946. The figure for 1947 is an increase of 30 percent over the 1943 figure of 7648 cubic yards.

Expenses for the year for the Highway department amounted to a total of \$19,890.42 for wages, compared to \$19,890.55 in 1946 and \$19,328.65 in 1945.

Work done during the past year by the department included the relocation of east Wynnewood Rd. from Wynnewood Rd. into Indian Creek, resurfacing Sabine Ave., Homewood Ave., Berkeley Rd., Beechwood Lane, Narberth Ave. from Montgomery Ave. to the railroad, and correcting unsatisfactory conditions on Wynnedale and Wayne Aves.

Husband Cut Off With \$1 In Narberth Woman's Will

According to her will probated in Norristown last week, Mrs. Beatrice C. Shelmire, of Narberth, who died December 26, left the major portion of a \$3500 estate to two friends, Carrie F. Powell and Dorothy M. Stauffer.

She directed that her husband David R. Shelmire, if he is still legally married to her at the time of her death, is to receive \$1, after stating in the will that he deserted her in May, 1942.

British Consul Guest Speaker For Jaycees

Dinner Meeting To Be Held Tuesday; Group Lists Other Activities

Harold Braham, British Consul to Baltimore and Acting Consul to Philadelphia, will be guest speaker Tuesday evening, January 22, at the dinner meeting of the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce, in the Wayne Hotel.

Two other honored guests, at this meeting, will be A. E. Hickerson, retiring president of the Chamber of Commerce, and W. E. Irwin, incoming president. Hickerson, publisher of the Philadelphia Suburban Newspapers, was voted an honorary member of the Jaycees at the last meeting of its board of directors.

Announcement was made this week that the annual election of officers will be held within the next two months. A nominating committee, to organize a slate for the offices of president, first vice president and second vice president, has been appointed.

Walter Chapel is chairman, assisted by James Cox, Neal Ivey, William Walters, David McKee, William Lynam and James Gibb, who is election secretary. Further information about the election will be released in the near future. Members are reminded that they may place in nomination the names of any other members.

The next State Meeting will be held January 17 and 18, in the (Continued on Page Three)

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Narberth PTA To Hear YMCA Official Monday

Overseas Representative To Speak on Middle Eastern Affairs

James K. Quay, recently named vice-president of the Theological Seminary of Princeton University, will be guest speaker at the regular meeting of the Narberth Parent-Teachers' Association to be held Monday, January 19, in the auditorium of the school.

Designated as Fathers' Night, the meeting will be under the direction of Samuel Barclay, president of the organization.

Quay, YMCA World Service man in Cairo, Egypt, for the past 28 years, recently returned to the United States after investigating the possibilities of extending the YMCA work into middle-eastern Africa. During World War II Quay headed the Cairo Yis emergency program of aid to Allied soldiers and to German and Italian prisoners interned on the desert.

A graduate of Monmouth College, Illinois, Quay also graduated from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary and received degrees from Columbia University and Westminster College. His position at Princeton will involve wide contact with Presbyterian Churches throughout the United States.

Before joining the YMCA staff, Quay held various offices in the student YMCA at Monmouth, was an associate secretary of the United Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, religious work secretary of the YMCA Camp at San Diego, California, and in 1918 became a chaplain in the United States Army.

Quay, whose subject will be "Conflicting Forces in the Middle East," will be introduced to the organization by D. H. Fairfield, executive secretary of the Central Philadelphia YMCA. Sterling M. Chain is program chairman for the evening.

Entertainment for the evening will include selections by the Kelly Street Chorus, directed by James Ervine. The members of the chorus are associated with the University of Pennsylvania Glee Club. Ervine is organist and choir director of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood.

Housing Expert Will Speak Jan. 27

Saul B. Zisman, executive director of the Citizens' Council on City Planning, will be guest speaker on Tuesday, January 27, at the annual meeting of the Community Health and Civic Association. The meeting will be held in the Bryn Mawr Presbyterian Church, beginning at 8 P. M.

An election of officers and directors will be held, in connection with this meeting.

Zisman is an architect, a teacher of architecture, author, expert in city planning and housing, a former director of the Displaced Persons program for UNRRA in Bavaria and former special civilian representative to Gen. Lucius D. Clay, in Berlin. His topic will be "Your Community and Your Land."

In connection with the topic, a letter has been sent to members from Henry H. Perry addressed to the president of the Citizens' Council, which says in part:

"... we wish to bring to your attention a matter of great importance to us. It is also of concern to all of Philadelphia. We refer to the problem of adequate through highway access to Philadelphia from the West. This becomes all the more urgent with the planned extension of the Pennsylvania Turnpike."

"The Turnpike is a self-supporting toll road financed through the sale of bonds, while connections to it must be built with State highway funds. The political temptation therefore may be very great, to build the one without the other. What we fear is another Delaware River Bridge in 1926—the Vine St. approach to it in 1948."

James McCartney, 69, Dies at Narberth Home

Funeral services for James McCartney, who died suddenly last Thursday at his home, 100 N. Narberth Ave., Narberth, were held Monday afternoon from the Frank-enfeld and Chadwick Funeral Home, Ardmore. He was 69.

A native of Philadelphia, Mr. McCartney lived in Wynnewood for 17 years before moving to Narberth 11 years ago. He served as foreman for the Lanston Monotype Co., Philadelphia, for 42 years, retiring in 1946.

He was a member of the Loyal Orange Lodge of Ardmore and of All Saints' Church, Wynnewood.

He is survived by two daughters, Miss Anne McCartney and Mrs. Lewis Ryan, both of Narberth. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Theatre Group Meets Tuesday

Plan to Stage 'Here Today'

The Main Line Playhouse group held their monthly meeting at the Narberth Public School Auditorium Tuesday evening.

Members of the workshop group presented a one-act play by Christopher Morley. Included in the cast were: Betty Rogers, Nancy Reese, Michael Barone, Katin Giles, Nancy Hunsicker and Betty Boxman.

The presentation was under the direction of Mrs. E. M. Parran, with Mr. E. M. Parran as stage manager.

The play followed a business meeting at which the president of the group, Paul D. Goodyear, presided.

A social gathering followed in the school cafeteria.

On January 31, the players will present a farce entitled "Here Today" (Continued on Page Four)

Fire Damages Gas Station In Wynnewood Park Area

A fire in a gasoline station at Havertown Rd. and Cobbs Creek Rd., Wynnewood Park, Saturday night, was out before Oakmont, Brookline and Manoa Fire companies arrived.

The fire, which burned itself out almost as soon as it started, scorched the inner walls of the building. Havertown Township police estimated the damages at \$300.

The station manager, Francis Donadoni, 32, of Wynnewood Rd., Ardmore, discovered the fire. He and an attendant, Robert DiMarco, 17, of 363 County Line Rd., Ardmore, were outside at the time, were uninjured.

Fox Misquoted On Tax Figures

Says \$16,000 of Possible \$19,000 Was Collected

In the January 8 issue of Our Town it was incorrectly reported that Walter A. Fox, president of the Narberth Borough Council, had stated that the Narberth School District had collected only \$3200 out of a possible \$19,000 in per capita taxes.

Fox actually said that out of 3800 per capita tax bills for school purposes, 3200 had been paid, and that about \$16,000 out of a possible \$19,000 had been collected.

He was presenting testimony in favor of the borough's petition for a 3.73 mill tax increase for general purposes at a hearing in Montgomery County Court January 7.

In this instance he was showing that per capita taxes are relatively more difficult to collect than real estate taxes. The percentage of per capita taxes collected by the school district was 84 percent, while 97 percent of real estate taxes had been collected.

In his testimony concerning the effect the tax increase would have on property owners, Fox stated:

"Of 1514 assessed properties in Narberth," he said, "68 percent or 893 are assessed at \$3,000 or less. A three-mill increase in the tax rate would amount to an average increase of \$6.89 in that group."

"The 379 properties, or 29 percent, assessed between \$4,000 and \$9,000 would show an average tax increase of \$15."

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Army Test Pilot Found Dead Here In Parked Auto

Metwood Man Found by Workers on Vacant Lot; Was in Air Corps 3 Years

Albert Paul Gosser, 33, of 2413 Linden drive, Merwood, a former Army test pilot, was found dead in his automobile, parked in a vacant lot near 1722 Earlington rd., Manoa, at 8 a. m. Thursday. Death was attributed to carbon monoxide poisoning.

Gosser's body, slumped in the front seat, was discovered by two employees of the Tyson Construction Company, now engaged in erecting a structure on the lot, who reported for work at 8 a. m. John Farina, of 251 North 62nd st., Philadelphia, turned off the motor of the car and removed the rubber hose which had been attached to the exhaust pipe. His brother, Louis, of 217 New Elm st., Conshohocken, ran next door and asked Mrs. J. F. Stuart to call police.

Sgt. William Conroy, of the Havertown Township police, dispatched patrolmen Samuel Arrell, Vincent DeCurtis and Kenneth Craven to the scene, with the Township respirator. The men called back within a few minutes to report that the respirator could not be used, as rigor mortis had already set in. Dr. Albert Moxey, police surgeon, who arrived shortly thereafter, said that in his opinion Gosser had been dead for approximately eight hours, setting the time of death at midnight.

Gosser was a son of Horace J. Gosser, founder and president of H. J. Gosser Co., commission merchants, of 142 Dock St., Philadelphia. He was born in Philadelphia and received his education at the Bala-Cynwyd Junior High School and at West Philadelphia High School. He entered the Army Air Corps in 1942, and was sent to Florida and Idaho, as a test pilot. He received his honorable discharge in 1945, and returned to his home in Merwood. He had returned from a Florida vacation only a few days before his death.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia McNamara Gosser; his mother and father, who live in Merwood; four brothers, John, William, Robert and David, and a sister, Mrs. William B. Titlow Jr., of Cynwyd.

Rate on Busy Streets Will Be Five Cents For One Hour

2-HOUR TIME LIMIT ON WINDSOR AVENUE

Narberth is going to have parking meters.

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Borough Council passed an ordinance authorizing installation of meters which had previously been endorsed by borough merchants as well as by the Borough Council's committee on parking and traffic.

Robert M. Cameron, chairman of the latter committee, said Monday night that a total of 131 meters will be installed. They will be located on Havertown, Windsor, Essex, Forrest and North Narberth Aves., and on Station Circle. Time limits, he stated, will be one hour on all streets except north and south sides of Windsor Ave. from the east side of Essex Ave. to the west side of North Narberth Ave., where the limit will be two hours.

Cameron said that 29 meters will be used on Windsor Ave. and the remainder on Havertown Ave. from the east side of Station Circle to North Narberth Ave.; on Essex Ave. from Havertown to Windsor; on Forrest Ave. from Havertown to Windsor; on North Narberth Ave. from the PRR bridge to Windsor Ave. and on Station Circle except for space allocated to taxi stands.

The meters will be similar to those in Lower Merion Township. From one to five pennies or one nickel may be inserted for from 12 to 60 minutes parking time. Inspection of coins in the meters to extend the parking time over the one or two hour limits will constitute a violation of the ordinance.

Borough officials stated that it will take several weeks to complete the installation of the meters. Markings, 22 feet wide for parallel parking and eight feet wide for horizontal parking will be made on the designated streets before the meters are installed.

The meters will be installed and repaired by the company from which they are purchased. Several proposals have been received by the Borough from meter manufacturers, but no official action has been made toward the purchase of the necessary equipment.

The meters will be paid for from parking receipts, and all money in excess of the cost and maintenance of the meters will be used for general Borough purposes, as will fines collected for violations of the ordinance.

It is expected that the meters will provide a greater turnover in the available parking space in the business district, and will aid in the enforcement of the existing time limit on parking.

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